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- (1) Transmittal Letter for Utility Patent Application (1 page);
- (2) Fee Transmittal Sheet (1 page);
- (3) Specification including claims and abstract (25 pages);
- (4) Seventeen sheets of drawings depicting Figs. 1A-22; and
- (5) Check for the amount of \$495.00 to cover the U.S. Government filing fee and additional claims for small entity.

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